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For : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING POTS
SERVICES IN DSL ENVIRONMENT IN EVENT OF
FAILURES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In the US national phase application of PCT/US00/17476 filed
herewith, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

On Page 1, line 3, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of
International Application PCT/US00/17476 filed June 26, 2000, which was published
in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on April 12, 2001 in English; and which claims
benefit of U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/157,706 filed October 5, 1999
and U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/210,257 filed June 8, 2000.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 (which is an annex to the International
Preliminary Examination Report) as follows. A marked-up version of the claim is
attached herewith.